

**City of Covington
Parks & Recreation Commission
Minutes**

March 16, 2011
6:00 pm

Covington City Hall
City Council Chambers

CALL TO ORDER Meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm.

ROLL CALL Present: Dave Aldous, Conni Elliott, Kollin Higgins Liz Fast, Bryan Higgins
Not Present: Steve Pand and William Pand

CITY STAFF PRESENT Scott Thomas

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

The February minutes were approved as submitted.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

No citizens were present.

CONTINUED
BUSINESS

1. **New Member Orientation** – CM Aldous brought in the notebooks he has. The CM discussed some important items for a new member. The sub-committee will continue to work on the project. The CM decided on the following list. CM want clarification on the Long Range Plan from the Parks Forestry Plan to know if that’s something we should be updating, and where the issue of Street Trees is addressed (which document/plan).
 - a. PROS Plan
 - b. Parks & Recreation Commission Bylaws
 - c. Tree Ordinance
2. **Rules of Procedure Project** – Item tabled due to CM Pand absence.
3. **Arbor Day Planning** – Friends of Covington Parks will coordinate an Arbor Day Decennial Grove Tree Planting event on April 16 at 9am. CM Higgins (2) and Aldous identified a spot in the Covington Community Park. Friends of Covington Parks has arranged for volunteers to do the work. Parking will be on the property, at/near the pad from the demolished house. Boy Scout Troop 470, Crestwood Girl Scout Troop 42381, and the Outreach Group from St. John the Baptist Catholic Church have volunteered to plant the trees. They will be planting 10 Western Red Cedar trees in honor of the City’s 10th Arbor Day event.
4. **Earth Day Planning** – This year’s Earth Day project will be to remove Scotch Broom from the Covington Community Park on Saturday, April 23 at 9am.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Downtown Park Update** – Scott suggested an Awareness Campaign for the Downtown Park. The City is pressing hard to find a way to procure land for the park on part of the property currently occupied by Covington Elementary
2. **Future Agenda Items and/or Questions**

GOOD OF THE ORDER

- 1st Qtr Volunteer Hours
- Chair accept Earth/Arbor proclamations, 3/22
- Arbor Day Planting, 4/16
- Earth Day Invasive Removal, 4/23

COMMENTS AND DISCUSSION OF COMMISSIONERS AND STAFF

National “No Park(ing)” Day is the 2nd Friday in September—Scott suggested that the FOCP participate in this event to bring awareness for the Downtown Park.

With no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 7:24pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Conni Elliott

Conni Elliott
Parks & Recreation Commission, Secretary